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Vietnam pact signed



SIGNING THE PEACE — U.S. delegation, headed by Secretary of State Rogers, seated third from right, sits across table from the North Vietnamese group, back to camera, during the first signing ceremony at the Hotel Majestic in Paris yesterday. (AP photo)

PoW lists exchanged

PARIS. — The U.S., North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the Vietcong yesterday signed a treaty ending the Vietnam war — and the signers then drank champagne, toasts to the peace they had made without even exchanging a handshake.

U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers, North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam, and Vietcong Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh penned their signatures in two ceremonies, 19 and 20 minutes apart, on the 11th floor of the Hotel Majestic, Paris. The signing took place under a 1727 Gobelin tapestry showing Mars, the god of war, with the documents ordering a cease-fire at midnight GMT, 2 a.m. today Israel time.

The delegates later toasted the treaty in champagne and chatted together. But they spoke not one word to each other in the International Conference Centre at the Hotel Majestic. There were no handshakes, and they buried war without a murmur and without any evident joy other than a diplomatic smile.

A little over one hour after the final signing ceremony, representatives of a four-party joint military commission met to exchange lists of military prisoners who are to be freed within 60 days. The lists were expected to be made public.

U.S. officials said the American list would be released after the Paris talks. In addition to the 5,000 prisoners, the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam, international supervision of elections in South Vietnam, release of all prisoners, cessation of the dispatch of North Vietnamese troops to South Vietnam, cutting the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and other issues.

Rogers only spoke in public for a 21-hour Paris stay. He said the agreement means "At only a moment's notice, we have every reason to hope."

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Hussein, wife at Allenby Bridge

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Jordan's King Hussein and his new wife, Queen Aliya, on Friday made a surprise visit to the Allenby Bridge, flanked by a number of security forces, the Jordanian royal couple stood for a while on their side of the bridge watching Araba crossing into the West Bank past two young Israeli soldiers on the other side of the span.

The King and Queen had come to the bridge to inspect the return of West Bank and Gaza Strip residents from the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

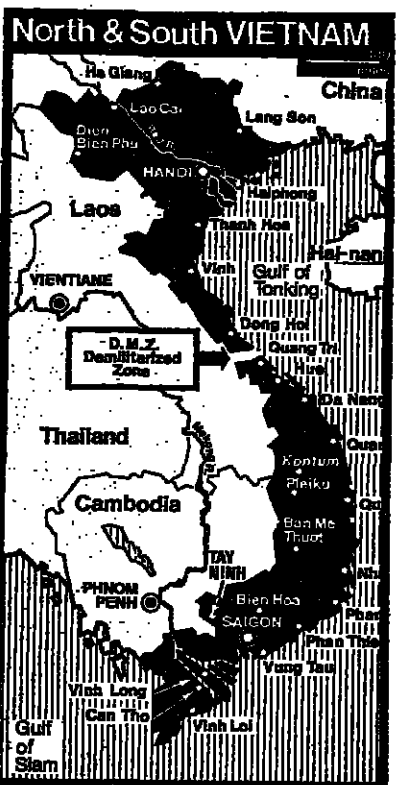
Over 500 pilgrims crossed back on Friday, bringing the total of those who returned home during the past week to some 7,000. About 5,000 more are expected to come this week.

Lebanon tobacco growers protest killing of pair

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Tobacco growers from South Lebanon marched through Beirut last night in protest against the killing and wounding of their colleagues in a clash with security men. Several thousand demonstrators joined the march through the city's western district in defiance of a ban on the protest imposed by the government on Friday.

They dispersed after making speeches at Beirut Arab University. The tobacco farmers called for yesterday's demonstration following the death of two men and the wounding of others on Wednesday when tobacco growers tried to burn down two public buildings in Nabatieh, South Lebanon, in support of demands for improved government subsidies.

Lebanese parties in Lebanon yesterday called for the resignation of the government of Premier Sa'eb Salam for what was termed the worst which has plagued the various sections of the Lebanese nation.



Hanoi troops seize city before truce

SAIGON. — Communist-led forces launched widespread attacks yesterday on South Vietnamese population centres, storming into the provincial capital of Tay Ninh and its Cao Dai Temple on the eve of a historic ceasefire designed to end 12 years of war.

Capture of Tay Ninh gives the Communists a possible base for a capital in South Vietnam, according to South Vietnamese military sources.

Tay Ninh, 80 kms. northwest of Saigon, fell after a day-long assault. The district (county) town of Cai Lay, 74 kms. southwest of Saigon, also was reported lost to the Communists.

Tay Ninh is located 19 kms. from the Cambodian border. It is the second South Vietnamese provincial capital captured by the Communists. Quang Tri City, 650 kms. north of Saigon was captured last May 16 but was recaptured by South Vietnam September 16.

American bombers flew 429 sorties across South Vietnam during the past 24 hours to support government troops battling a Communist offensive before the ceasefire, the U.S. command said yesterday.

The latest raids — the highest for many months — marked an increase of 22 on the number of sorties announced Friday.

A spokesman said the air strikes were the heaviest this year and matched the intensity of American bombing during the first weeks of North Vietnam's Easter offensive last year.

In addition, B-52 bombers continued their carpet-bombing just south of the demilitarized zone, dropping hundreds of tons of explosives on North Vietnamese troop concentrations and supply areas.

Tay Ninh is the capital of the Cao Dai Buddhists — one of South Vietnam's major religious sects. U.S. officials said captured documents had shown indications of a Communist drive in Tay Ninh, "and we expected the punch to come late so they can hold onto it until the cease-fire and put the P.R.G. down there."

Tay Ninh is sufficiently near to Saigon and sufficiently known in the world to give the P.R.G. the status boost it seeks," one said.

The sources said fighting was also reported at Trang Bang Town on the main road linking Saigon with Tay Ninh. Trang Bang is about 50 kms. northwest of the capital.

U.S. sources said skirmishes were breaking out at numerous places along the Saigon-Tay Ninh road, rendering all travel hazardous.

One prisoner who was captured at the village of Trang Bang told interrogators that the North Vietnamese were given the mission of

Nixon expects wide exchange of views during Meir's visit

'No hint of pressure' seen

By SAM LIPSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon told Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin last Thursday that he was looking forward to the widest exchange of views on the Middle East with Mrs. Golda Meir when the Israeli Prime Minister visits the White House in March. But he did not indicate that he expected Mrs. Meir to come with new ideas or proposals.

There was no suggestion that Israel should make any concessions in its negotiating position, and there was no hint of pressure or special urgency to arrive at immediate solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This account of the meeting was based on authoritative sources here who said the 30-minute exchange between Mr. Nixon, Mr. Rabin and presidential adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger, was primarily arranged at the White House's initiative to give the President an opportunity to say farewell to the Israeli envoy.

CLOSE CONTACT

Messrs. Rabin and Nixon are understood to have established an unusually close personal understanding which goes back to their direct contacts during the Jordanian crisis of 1970 when the U.S. and Israel coordinated their military and political policies to thwart a major assault on Jordan by Syrian armoured forces. Full details of the crisis have not been published. But enough is known to establish that Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rabin were involved at the highest levels of secret diplomacy, so much so that no written records or minutes were made of some of their meetings.

Concerning current American views on the Middle East, informed sources here said the meeting last Thursday was of a general nature. While informed diplomats here,

whether Israeli, American, or European, agree that the U.S. will be doing everything to "nudge" Israel and the Arab states into a negotiating posture, there is no expectation of a sudden transfer of energy from concern with Vietnam to concern with the Middle East.

This is not to say that the U.S. would not welcome any new signs of flexibility by Israel within the context of movement towards an interim Suez Canal agreement. Israeli willingness to accept a broader interpretation of an Egyptian presence on the Sinai side of the Canal, a deeper pull-back of Israel forces, a more liberal view of the linkage between an interim settlement and an overall agreement — such moves would find encouragement in Washington.

But they are not being insistently urged, and despite the widespread assumption of a turning to the Middle East in the wake of the Vietnam peace accords, it is too

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Austria probes report on arms smuggling

VIENNA (AFP). — The Austrian authorities are investigating reports that a gang smuggling arms to the Middle East is operating in their territory. The gang's leaders are said to be hiding somewhere in southern Austria.

The investigation follows discovery of \$250,000 worth of arms aboard a Turkish ship docked at a port in the Yugoslav republic of Montenegro on January 4.

A few days later the Yugoslavs arrested an alleged member of the gang at Split, further up the Yugoslav coast. The man was said to have entered the country from Austria.

Hussein to see Nixon Feb. 6

WASHINGTON (UPI). — King Hussein of Jordan will visit President Nixon on February 6, the White House said on Friday.

Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Hussein will be on a private visit to Washington and will also meet Secretary of State William Rogers and other U.S. officials.

Israeli killed in Madrid by Arab gunman

Was agent, 'September' says

MADRID. — An Israeli whose name was given here as Moise Hanan Yishai was shot dead in Madrid's busiest street on Friday. Police sources said yesterday he was believed to be an undercover man who had been shadowing Arab intelligence agents. The attacker who appeared to be an Arab according to eye witnesses, escaped.

Police believe the mid-morning shooting in Gran Via, the capital's main shopping and entertainment street, was connected with the Black September group.

Information had been received three weeks ago that a member of the Black September might come to Spain on an unknown assignment. A general security alert had been in force since then — particularly at Spanish airports.

Police were questioning eight persons in connection with the shooting. The sources said no arrests had been made and there was no trace of the attacker who fired three shots from a small calibre pistol equipped with a silencer. Two hit the Israeli identified by police as Yishai, 36, from Tel Aviv. Another bullet slightly injured a passer-by in the arm. Yishai was wounded and died later in hospital of wounds in the stomach and arm.

Quoting Spanish newspapers, Reuters reported last night that Yishai managed to identify his killer before dying. The assailant was named as Samir Mass'ad Ahmed, a Palestinian. There was no official confirmation of the report. Police sources said they had "incomplete details" about the victim but believed he had been shadowing Arab intelligence agents.

The body was at Madrid's main Forensic Science Laboratory under constant guard by four policemen, the sources said. An "Israeli diplomatic official" was flying in to make arrangements for the funeral. Police had found a diary containing long lists of names — but no gun — on the body, the sources said.

The statement said the killing in Madrid was meant to revenge (Continued page 2, col. 2)

Arafat sees Assad

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — President Hafez al-Assad yesterday conferred with Yasser Arafat, head of the Fatah.

Official sources said they discussed the Palestine question and current Arab developments. They did not elaborate.

Plot to assassinate Numeiri

Twelve Sudanese officers held

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
The Sudanese government launched a massive man-hunt this weekend for persons suspected of planning to assassinate President Ja'afar Numeiri and a number of his military and civilian associates.

Interior Minister General Mohammed Baker Ahmed announced on Friday that a retired brigadier and 11 army officers were arrested in connection with the plot. He said the officers will be brought to trial immediately after the completion of preliminary investigations.

In a statement broadcast over the official Omdurman Radio, General Ahmed said the officers were rounded up, after a period of close surveillance, while they were meeting at the residence of retired Brigadier Abdul-Rahim Mohammed Shan-

nan, described as the master-mind of the conspiracy.

Shannan was involved early in the 1960s in an abortive coup against Sudan's first military ruler, General Ibrahim Abboud. He was jailed for about three years, following which he was released in 1964 when the civilians regained power. Shannan was elected to Parliament the following year but lost his seat in 1968.

The Sudanese government gave no hint about the aspirations of the plotters or their political leanings.

President Numeiri, who came to power in May 1969 after toppling Sudan's civilian government in a bloodless army coup, was overthrown in July 1971 by what was termed at the time a Communist coup. Three days later, however, he regained army support. He then

executed 14 persons including the leaders of Sudan's powerful Communist Party, and arrested some 3,000 people after reshuffling the nation's political and army institutions.

Last year, Numeiri's relations with neighbouring Egypt and Libya reached a crisis level when he angered Cairo by restoring diplomatic relations with the U.S. and infuriated Tripoli by barring Libyan military aircraft from flying over Sudan to Uganda to assist President Idi Amin against the insurgents.

Khartoum's "Al-Ayyam" newspaper said that the attempt to topple Numeiri was "naïve and low-levelled," adding that whoever was behind it should have been "better acquainted with Numeiri's popularity among the Sudanese."

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Haifa slum-dwellers claim city is evading rehousing promise

By YAA'AOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents of the asbestos-infested ma'abarot in Kiryat Ha'im st have protested that the municipality of Haifa is trying to out of a commitment to provide permanent flats for 88 of the largest families "within a reasonable time."

The ma'abarot residents — some whom have lived in the "transient" encampment since the early 60s — got a City commitment to rehouse 180 families last May, when they held a week-long sit-in outside Town Hall. Eighty-six of 130 families have eight or more children. They were promised rehousing in the summer of 1969.

The slum-dwellers had planned an eight-hour sit-down demonstration outside Town Hall to ma'abarot spokesman David told The Post, but the police used to give them a permit. Deputy police chief Sgan-Nitzan Frankel denied this yesterday.

He said the ma'abarot committee members had asked for permission to hold a demonstration "unlimited duration," and that had informed them the law did not empower him to issue such a permit. He said they could have permit to hold a "four-to-five" demonstration — but the committee could not agree among themselves whether to accept this. By last night, S/N Frankel said they had not officially asked for a permit for a protest.

Police permits aside, Mr. Amar said the ma'abarot residents have a right to cause to doubt the authorities' intention of rehousing them, ordering to their commitment. The Shikmona slum-clearance company — a joint agency of the

Government (two-thirds) and the Municipality (one-third) — which is charged with carrying out the rehousing agreement, has been trying to buy apartments for the large families. But it appears to be running up against the Housing Ministry, which is also trying to buy apartments for its own rehousing candidates. Of the 88 homes called for to rehouse the most urgent cases, only about half a dozen are in sight. They are now being reconsidered by Amidar.

At the present rate of operation, it will take Shikmona years to liquidate the ma'abarot.

Another problem noted by the ma'abarot residents is that the recently appointed manager of Shikmona — Zvi Balser of the Defence Ministry — is to be ousted from the job in favour of former Haifa police commander, Tehuma Bonch.

Mr. Balser won the job last September in an open tender and has since won the trust of the slum-dwellers by visiting the ma'abarot and by his dedicated efforts to rehouse the large families quickly. But the City Executive is determined to annul the outcome of the tender

and to install Mr. Bonch — a veteran Haifa resident who has the confidence of the City Executive. (The Defence Ministry granted Mr. Balser an unpaid leave of absence after he won the Haifa tender.)

Ma'abarot spokesman Amar further complained that he had written two letters to the Housing Ministry in Jerusalem several weeks ago, reminding them of their rehousing commitment. He said neither was answered. Only after he sent a telegram and threatened to demonstrate did he receive a reply — informing him that the Director-General of the Ministry was abroad.

Police probe beating of mental patient

RAT YAM — The police are investigating a complaint that a male nurse at Bat Yam Government Mental Hospital had beaten an unruly patient while the patient was tied to his bed.

The incident occurred about 12 days ago, when a drug addict was brought to the hospital. The man reportedly went berserk and the male nurses grappled with him and finally tied him to a bed. Shortly afterwards, the patient's family visited him, and complained later that he had been brutally beaten.

A hospital works committee member told him that if the preliminary investigation shows sufficient grounds for bringing the nurse before a civil service disciplinary court, the committee would not object to his suspension. The nurse has in the meanwhile taken annual leave.

Some hospital employees, however, said they doubted whether the charges were true — the patient, a burly man, had been extremely violent and some force had to be used to restrain him, they said.

Man, 19, held for purse-snatching

TEL AVIV — A 19-year-old Tel Aviv man was remanded for 15 days on Friday after he was arrested in the Central Post Office in Allenby Road here the previous day, trying to snatch the purse of a woman tourist.

Police said they found in the hotel room of the suspect, Adrian Balaban, a briefcase containing seven stolen cheque-books. He is believed to have taken the cheque-books and other articles, including \$14,000 worth of jewellery, in a series of thefts and burglaries during the past few weeks, police said.

In the Magistrate's Court, Balaban admitted to the purse-snatching attempt, in the post office but said he knew nothing about the cheque-books found in his room.



Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn (center) is met at Lod Airport by (left to right) S.Z. Abramov, M.K. (Gahal); an unidentified Foreign Ministry representative; the Belgian Ambassador, Frans Williams; Tourism Minister Moshe Kol; and I.L.P. Secretary-General Yitzhak Barkai. Mr. Thorn arrived on Friday to attend the Liberal International meeting in Jerusalem yesterday and today.

Liberal International meeting in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Executive of the Liberal International opened a two-day conference in Jerusalem yesterday with a resolution recognizing the right of Soviet and Arab Jewry to emigrate to Israel. More than 40 leaders of 12 national liberal parties (including Israeli Liberals and Independent Liberals) are attending the meeting at the Moriah Hotel.

At the opening session last night, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol (I.L.P.) declared that the parties to the Middle East dispute should learn from the Vietnam cease-fire what practical results can be achieved through direct negotiations.

Liberal Party (Gahal) leader Elimelech Rimalt, also calling for direct negotiations, stressed that Israel would surely reject any solutions drafted by the big powers if these were not first hammered out in negotiations between the parties to the dispute.

Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn, arriving for the conference, said at Lod Airport Friday that he regretted the U.N.'s failure to adopt a clear and strong anti-terrorist resolution.

Mr. Thorn, president of the International and a major figure in the Common Market, said he was referring to the world problem of terror in general. The Minister, who met last night with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, added that he favoured "the best possible terms" for Israel in her association with the Market.

The executive of the International adopted a resolution, moved by the I.L.P.'s Gideon Hausner and Zalman Abramov of Gahal, recognizing the right of Jews to emigrate from the U.S.S.R. and Arab lands. Other matters discussed were the Middle East situation, the world terror problem, and a proposal to form a federation of liberal parties at the Strasbourg European Parliament.

The International, which represents parties in Europe, Israel and India, will hold its final session at the Moriah this morning. Among those attending are Netherlands Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Willem Jacob Geertsema, Dutch Defence Minister Hans G. de Koster, Italian Senator Umberto Bonaldi, and German Bundestag member Otto Lambrecht. This is the first executive meeting of the International to be held outside Europe.

Shazar rests in U.S. before return

WASHINGTON (INA). — President Zalman Shazar — who attended the funeral services for the late President Lyndon Johnson here last Thursday — spent the weekend resting at the Hotel Shoreham. Friends and Israeli officials joined Mr. Shazar for a private Sabbath service yesterday in his suite.

On Thursday night, Mr. Shazar met at the hotel with 15 leaders of the Washington Jewish community, in the only engagement arranged for him on this visit apart from his attendance at the funeral services. He told newsmen later that he needed a couple of days of rest before returning to Israel.

Jail inmate burned in mattress fire

TEL AVIV. — An Arab prisoner at the Abu Kabir lockup was taken to hospital in Tel Aviv Thursday night after being burned when his mattress caught fire. Police surmised he had fallen asleep with a lit cigarette in his mouth.

To combat future snowstorms Jerusalem may try 'shaking' trees free of snow

By ABRAHAM RAHNOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality may arm itself for coming snowfalls with tree shakers rather than new snowplows.

City Manager Ronnie Feinstein suggested to the Municipal Executive Friday that one or two machines normally used to shake olives out of olive trees be purchased in order to shake snow from trees in danger of collapsing. During the recent snowfall, more than 2,000 trees in the city were damaged by the weight of snow.

As for snow graders, Mr. Feinstein said it would take 80 of them to open the city's main roads to traffic within six hours in the event of heavy snow. The graders cost \$150,000-175,000 each. At present the City has access to six or seven graders which can be borrowed from building contractors in an emergency. It is up to the City authorities, Mr. Feinstein said, to decide whether the investment in additional snow graders was worth while.

A decision has already been taken that each municipal department will

be provided with jeeps in order to enable employees to be brought to work during a snowstorm.

The Executive set up a committee headed by Mayor Teddy Kollek to look into the overall problem of coping with snow in the city, including a spelling out of the tasks the Municipality should undertake when snow falls and the order in which they should be executed.

Mr. Feinstein said Jerusalem's citizens will be provided with a brochure next winter advising them how to prepare for a possible snow emergency, including stocking powdered milk, candles, kerosene heaters and "good humour." The brochure will also describe the duties of the Municipality and services for which it is not responsible, such as repairing electricity lines and providing milk.

The Executive called upon Egged, Tuva, local bakeries and the Israel Electric Corporation to prepare themselves better for carrying out their services during an emergency. Mr. Kollek is to contact the Government ministries responsible for these organizations — such as the Transportation Ministry in Egged's case — in order to enlist their aid.

H.U. professors end 5-week partial strike

By ERMIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The five-week-old partial strike of Hebrew University professors and senior lecturers ended on Friday. At a meeting on the Givat Ram campus which lasted till after midnight Thursday, the professors voted by a narrow margin to accept the terms offered by the University administration.

The end of the strike means they will resume their administrative duties. The professors had originally asked for 25 per cent increases to bring their salaries in line with those paid at the Technion.

Under the actual settlement, they achieved two gains. Associate professors and senior lecturers are to be paid for supervising examinations during the latter part of the summer vacation. This duty was not compensated for previously. The net gain may amount to the equivalent of a month's salary.

Full professors will get a research allowance amounting to 25 per cent of their salary. This, however, is not automatic; professors will have to submit research programmes to their deans.

It is believed that stricter control of the research requirement will substantially cut down on "moon-

lighting," the practice of teachers to commute to other institutions, which reduces the time they have for research.

"Our strike will have achieved an important result if it cuts down on moonlighting," one professor said.

Those professors who hold administrative jobs or who are on sabbatical leave will not receive the full research allowance. It is estimated that under the new agreement only one-third of all professors will qualify for the full allowance.

Hebrew University senior staffers are meeting in Tel Aviv today with the negotiating committee of the Association of University Teachers. They are expected to rejoin that association, which they left 14 months ago in protest over the failure of Technion staffers to cooperate on setting salary standards.

PROF. ALEXANDER LORIAN, head of the Hebrew University's Institute of Languages and Literature, has been named a corresponding member for life of the Conseil International de la Langue Francaise. He is the first Israeli ever to be elected to this body, whose regular membership comes from French-speaking countries — among them four Arab countries.



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Cyprus claimed to be battleground for Fatah, Israel

NICOSIA (AP). — Israel and the Palestinian terrorists are backing rival sides in the near civil war in Cyprus between President Makarios and the Eoka underground of General George Grivas, a highly placed supporter of the Archbishop has claimed.

The politician, who wished to remain unidentified, said on Friday that Israel has been supplying Grivas, whose underground favours union with Greece, with Soviet Kalashnikov automatic rifles captured from the Arabs.

In return, Grivas supporters have promised they would establish a Cypriot Embassy in Jerusalem if they come to power after overthrowing Makarios, who is pro-Arab, the source said.

Cyprus has no diplomatic representation in Israel, but there is an Israeli Embassy in Nicosia.

A different version was given by Archbishop Makarios yesterday when he said that Eoka "is shopping for arms from neighbouring countries," but that he did not think Grivas "is getting weapons from official sources, either from the Israeli or the Arab side." The Archbishop made the statement in his monthly press conference.

He added that he knew agents of the General had been touring neighbouring countries in search of arms, and that in one case an arms supplier had complained that he had not been paid the agreed amount in full.

President Makarios told a questioner the death of Fatah member Basim Abu Khair in a Nicosia hotel bomb explosion on Thursday appeared to be an act of murder and agreed that it created a disagreement.

Belgium's new government assumes office

BRUSSELS (UPI). — King Baudouin swore in Belgium's new three-party government of Socialist Premier Edmond Leburton at the Royal Palace on Friday.

Leburton, his two vice-premiers, 19 other ministers and 14 secretaries took the oath of office 65 days after the previous Socialist Christian Socialist cabinet of Premier Gaston Eyskens resigned.

The new government results from coalition agreement approved by Socialist, Social Christian and Liberal Party congresses last Sunday. It is Belgium's 21st post-war government and with its 36 members the largest the country ever had.

Basque guerrillas free Spanish millionaire

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP). — Millionaire Spanish industrialist Felipe Huarte, 43, was back home safe yesterday after being released by Basque guerrillas who held him for 10 days.

Huarte, head of one of Spain's leading construction firms, was kidnapped by a four-man commando team armed with machineguns on the night of January 16.



Lava still flows on island

Picture shows nuclear-like pall of smoke and ashes rising over Iceland's Heimaey island, where some 20 houses of the town of Vestmannaeyjar (near centre left) were buried yesterday. The Heimaey volcano which erupted on Wednesday continued to spew out lava towards the sea and the town in places is buried up to a metre deep.

(AP radiophoto)

Arab Defence Council opens in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuters). — A special session of the Arab Defence Council opened here yesterday with a tough speech by Arab League chief Mahmoud Riad blaming Arab negligence for the failure to liberate territories captured by Israel.

The former Egyptian Foreign Minister told Arab Defence and Foreign Ministers: "Arab negligence has led to our failure to liberate the Arab territories. We have committed many mistakes in the past and are still making mistakes with the result that we are now incapable of liberation."

Political commentators were surprised at Mr. Riad's frankness in an inaugural address to the 18-nation Council in public session. He appealed for united action among the Arab states and declared: "Joint Arab action is still lacking careful and effective planning, especially as we are facing an enemy who is being flooded with limitless United States funds and arms."

The League Secretary-General was expressing the wishes of many delegates that the special Council session would be more productive than the previous session held in Kuwait last November which was plagued by differences among member states.

Mr. Riad said he hoped the session would pave the way for a full summit meeting to endorse a joint Arab military plan to restore the captured lands.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Ahmed Taieb Ben-Hima, chairman of the session, told delegates the main aim of the discussions was to draw up such a plan. He said the Arabs should learn from the Vietnamese "and depend upon ourselves in order to rid our countries of Zionist occupation."

President Sadat sent his good wishes to the session through his Foreign Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat, who paid tribute to Syrians who had died in the latest clashes with Israel.

The Council then went into secret session to debate its official agenda. Delegates will also debate a report by the Arab Economic Council on the formation of a joint Arab fund to finance Arab front-line armies and the building of arms factories.

The Council is expected to last three days.

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Edward G. Robinson dies at 79

HOLLYWOOD. — Edward G. Robinson, the square-jawed, tough-guy veteran of gangster films, died here on Friday night, ending a prolific acting career spanning almost 50 years.

His death from cancer at the age of 79 was Hollywood's second loss last week. J. Carrol Naish, another of filmland's best known character actors, died aged 76 on Wednesday after a long illness.

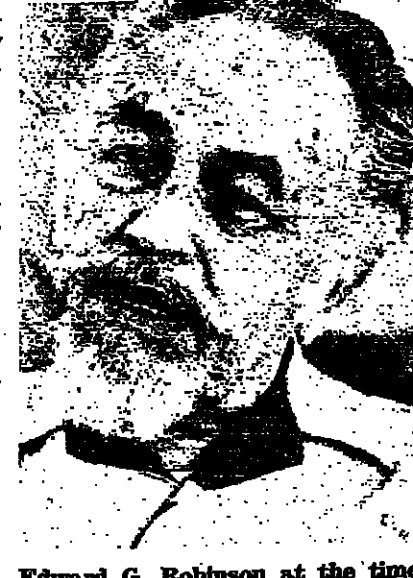
Robinson was best remembered for his scowling gangster roles but he also played monks, kings, beggars and a biographical role as the founder of Reuters News Agency, Baron Julius Reuter.

He had just completed his 101st film, portraying a professor in a futuristic drama with Charlton Heston called "Soylent Green" — shortly before he was admitted to Mount Sinai Hospital here three weeks ago.

Robinson is currently being seen in the film made in Israel, "Not by Day and Not by Night." He played the father of a young man who came to Israel and is blinded in the Six-Day War. The film is being shown in Haifa, Tel Aviv.

In an interview in The Jerusalem Post, Robinson said at the time of the filming in December 1971, "I liked the role and it was a good excuse to come back to Israel. I've been away too long. My first visit to Israel was in 1950 when he came for the laying of the cornerstone of Beit Sokolov."

Although he was one of Hollywood's biggest box office stars, he never won an Oscar and film makers had planned to put this right. Robinson was to have been presented with a special Academy Award for his contribution to the



Edward G. Robinson at the time he was in Israel in December 1971, a few days before his 78th birthday. (Israel Sun)

film industry at Oscar ceremonies here in March.

Abandoning various ambitions to be a rabbi, a lawyer, or a teacher, Robinson chose acting and studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. He appeared in more than 40 Broadway productions. He went to Hollywood during the silent era but did not win fame until sound films arrived.

After "Little Caesar" in 1930, Robinson was in constant demand for tough-guy roles. Other hit pictures included "Five Star Final," "All My

Sons," "Key Largo," "The Shadow," "Brother Orchid," and "The Maltese Falcon."

Robinson had a history of personal trouble, suffering a heart attack while making a picture in 1950. In 1952, he had been involved in a near-fatal traffic accident in Hollywood. Robinson, born Emmanuel Goldenberg, in Bucharest, Rumania, on December 12, 1893 to Jewish parents, came to the United States when he was 10 years old and was brought up on New York's Lower East Side.

His film career brought him fortune and along with it, a host of most impressive private art collections in the Hollywood community. He sold a great part of this collection in 1952 to help pay for his 23-year-old marriage to actress Gladys Lloyd who was divorced from her first husband, a writer, and his son, Edward G. Robinson Jr. 38, who wrote an autobiography about his relationship with his father, a granddaughter, Frances, and a brother, William (Goldenberg), who was a close friend.

Funeral services will be held today at Hollywood's Temple Israel with Heston, a close friend, expected to give the eulogy. Services will be in New York. (Reuters)

Jordan exports million tons of phosphate

AMMAN (Reuters). — Nearly a million tons of Jordanian phosphate were exported last year, according to estimates released here today by the Jordanian Phosphate Mines Company.

A company source put phosphate shipments exported through Amman last year at over 667,000 tons, against some 217,000 tons in 1971.

Last year's shipments went to India (382,936 tons), Japan (179,000 tons) and Taiwan (464,000 tons) while Tanzania bought 86,100 tons.

After an interruption of a year, Pakistan last year imported 20,460 tons, the source added. Phosphate shipments exported to land after Syria reopened its border with Jordan last month totalled over 286,500 tons, the source said.

Oleo heir kills self; tried to give money away

KINGSTON, New York (AP). — Michael James Brody, the margarine heir who sparked bizarre riches rush three years ago, shot himself to death Monday.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office reported Brody, 24, held a high-powered rifle between his knees and blew away a portion of his head. The body was found in the home of his father-in-law, Robert Dubois, 10 miles west of here in Shokan, New York.

Brody said his idea to give away his money on a first-come, first-served basis came to him while he was "tripped out on drugs."

He wrote out thousands of dollars of giveaway checks to avid petitioners, but they bounced.

He was arrested 13 months ago on charges that he threatened the life of President Nixon in a telephone call to the White House. Charges were later dropped.

Brody was one of four persons named heir to a \$6.88m. trust set up by his grandfather, John W. Jelke, who died in 1965. He received his share when he turned 21 in 1969.

Two Saudi diplomats with drugs released

BEIRUT (AP). — Two Saudi Arabian diplomats who were arrested on January 18 when airport police found 25 kilos of hashish in their suitcases have been released because they enjoy diplomatic immunity, but they have been asked to leave the country, police sources said yesterday.

A third Saudi who is an embassy secretary and not a diplomat remained in custody. All three were based in Cairo.

CABLES IN BRIEF

AID. — Talks on West German development aid to Egypt will open in Cairo on January 23, the Egyptian Ministry for Economic Cooperation said yesterday. The talks will last about 11 days.

VISIT. — Chad President Francois Tombalbaye will visit Egypt from February 19 to 22 and will visit Lebanon from February 23 to 26.

PATRICIDE. — Bangkok police have arrested a 25-year-old man for killing his father with a knife when he tried to prevent him from molesting girls at a party.

Uganda to check diplomatic bags for currency smuggling

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP). — The Uganda government announced yesterday all incoming diplomatic bags will be searched to prevent currency smuggling while new banknotes are being introduced here.

All incoming mail, including registered letters and parcels, will also be scrutinized before being transmitted to addressees, and troops have been posted at border crossings to check incoming travellers.

The changeover to the notes, which bear the portrait of President Amin, will be completed on February 8, and the spokesman said measures will then be discontinued.

The measures are designed to prevent old currency notes which were exported illegally from being smuggled back into Uganda and exchanged for the new notes.

The government has been scrutinizing all outgoing mail to prevent the illegal export of currency and President Amin announced the expulsion of Uganda's Asians next six months ago.

School reopening delayed a week Student agitation in Egypt continues

CAIRO (UPI). — The newspaper "Akhbar al-Yom" said yesterday student agitation has continued despite a government order earlier this month shutting all universities and colleges.

It hinted there were connections

between the unrest and a group of ex-government officials, led by former Vice-President Ali Sabry, who were ousted and jailed in 1971.

Universities were closed on January 3, eight days ahead of the mid-term holiday, following clashes between students and police in the streets of Cairo.

Classes were scheduled to resume yesterday, but the reopening was postponed for an extra week on recommendation of a parliamentary committee probing student unrest.

The newspaper said six students were arrested on January 14 for publishing "seditious leaflets" at Cairo's Helwan suburb. A seventh student was arrested as he attempted to smuggle a leaflet to Farid Abdel Karim, a former Arab Socialist Union official who is now in jail, the newspaper said.

Karim was a member of the Sabry group that was convicted for conspiring to topple President Sadat.

The detained students face two years in jail for possession of the seditious leaflets, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said 63 students and government employees were arrested following a speech Sadat delivered to parliament on December 28. But it added that Prosecutor-General Maher Hassan has ordered the release of 23 Alexandria University students and 33 Cairo University students who were involved in recent demonstrations.

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WOMEN'S LIB AT GOLDA'S

By Lea Ben Dor
Jerusalem Post Deputy Editor

THEY are at present four full-fledged women ambassadors in Israel, representing Mexico, the Philippines, Austria and Costa Rica, and another woman temporarily in charge of the Colombian embassy.

At a lunch given for them by Mrs. Golda Meir at her home on Tuesday they met Israel's only one-time woman ambassador, Esther Zeitz, together with a writer or two, a labour leader, a physician, a social worker, a Knesset member, two journalists, and others.

The only "wife" present was Shoshanna Eban, married to the foreign minister, but qualifying as a guest for her social work, and as a writer herself. She was kept in a question of protocol with Carmen Narango, the Costa Rican Ambassador, a social worker who also writes novels.

"I would so much like to get together with you to talk some more," Shoshanna Eban said, apologetically. "But I can't, because you are an ambassador." There was terrible protocol trouble once when she invited a woman ambassador (who is no longer here) with the wives of the ambassadors, and now she is careful. If she were married to anybody but the Foreign Minister she could of course invite anybody. To even things out, Esther Zeitz pointed out that at least the husbands of ambassadors ranked much lower than the wives of their male colleagues — there was Women's Lib for you. No, said Ester Marie Sydnor thoughtfully. I don't think it is. The precedence comes from their wives, and the discrimination is directed against them. Filled again.

MODEST PROTEST
At the table, Mrs. Meir said just as Foreign Minister she had to appoint more women diplomats, but apparently they were afraid. She thought some of the women ambassadors had possibly been appointed because there is a woman Prime Minister in Israel.



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Kitchen Queens get awards

By Catherine Rosenheimer
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HEZLIYA. — ROLES were reversed one day last week, when Chef Nikolai, Principal of the Tadmor Hotel and Catering School and one of the judges in the bi-annual Kitchen Queen Contest, invited all finalists in last September's competition to a lunch prepared by him and some of his students. Many of the dishes were actually the recipes the contestants had served up to the panel of judges in the competition finals. Others were a selection of what Chef Nikolai considered the best of the many competition recipes in his files.

They included the winner in the first-ever contest in 1963; artichokes stuffed with meat and pine nuts invented by an Arab woman from Nazareth, most recent culinary combination was a good-tasting dish of baby duck with champignons, apples and prunes. This recipe, invented by the team of four Israeli chefs who attended the recent professional chef's contest at the Frankfurt International Fair, was one of the ones which earned the Israeli entrants an Oscar and several gold medals.

The purpose of last week's lunch, attended by representatives of the Ministry of Tourism, the various fruit and produce marketing boards and other sponsors of the competition, was to present certificates to the 1972 Kitchen Queen, Yael Lasur, the runners up, and the judges. Normally the awarding ceremony is held at the President's House, but due to Mrs. Shazar's illness it had to be postponed this year.

PROMOTE AND IMPROVE
Mrs. Kate Kol, wife of the Minister of Tourism and patron of the Kitchen Queen contest, made the awards. Underlining the competition's purpose, which is to promote and improve Israeli standards of cuisine in hotels, restaurants and private homes too, the Ministry of Tourism is now preparing a free recipe leaflet which includes a selection of the best dishes to have emerged in the five competitions held during the past ten years. It will be available to professional chefs and the general public from next month, either from the Ministry and its information offices or from the Tadmor School in Herzliya.

NO PROVEN EFFECT
The subcommittee was told that Americans spend \$1,000 million a year on combination drugs for colds. Witnesses said that the anti-influenza medicines contained in almost all these cures have no proven effect on cold symptoms.

MAN DIED
When, in June 1971, a man died after eating tinned *vichyssoise* soup tainted with botulism, it was discovered that no F.D.A. inspector had been near the soup factory for more than four years. With only 1,000 inspectors to cover the whole range of food and drugs — and until recently toys, fireworks and fabrics — no regular surveillance is possible. However, there have been some notable F.D.A. successes. There was the decision of Frances Kealey, a new member of the staff, to hold up the licensing of thalidomide because she found technical inadequacies in the information provided by the manufacturer. Miss Kealey blocked the sale of the tranquillizer until its ravages in Europe began to come to light. The result was that the United States was spared the maiming of unborn children.

DIET DRUGS ATTACKED
Diet drugs also came under attack in the Senate hearing. Here the F.D.A. said it would take action to require more stringent warnings to be posed on amphetamine products which could be harmful to the central nervous system.

The agency is taking immediate action to limit the levels of Vitamin A and D in non-prescription drugs. Overdoses of both can lead to highly dangerous toxic complications.

But a new approach is being made to the whole problem of drugs sold over the counter. More than 100,000 drugs are being split up into categories, and ground rules are being drawn up for each. When they are finished the manufacturers will be forced to conform to them.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE familiar Israeli tea-drinking clerk may well be replaced soon by the soup-drinking clerk. In several offices we know, employees have switched to brewing soup cubes in place of the usual mid-morning beverage; now Telma have brought out a new range of instant soups. Sold in packs of four, each envelope makes enough for one generous sized cup. All you have to do is to pour boiling water onto the powder and you have a choice of good-tasting borscht, pea or tomato soup. For summer, they suggest that the borscht can also be mixed with ice cold water straight from the fridge.

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Another piece of news from Telma — this time a service rather than a product — is the launching of a six-lesson correspondence cookery and baking course, prepared by them with the approval of the Jerusalem College for Nutritional and Home Economics Studies. The 30-page course is divided into lessons on first courses, main courses, nutrition and calories, fish dishes, baking and desserts. Each lesson costs IL1.50 including postage and can be obtained by writing to Blueband Telma, Home Economics Department, P.O.B. 4868, Haifa.

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